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JUDICIARY OFFERS FREE SEMINAR ON CONSUMER ALERT AND SCAMS

The Hawai'i State Judiciary is sponsoring a free public informational session, "Consumer Alert: Scams and Breach of Contracts," from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 26, 2004, in the Supreme Court courtroom, 417 South King Street.

Anne Deschene, president of the Better Business Bureau of Hawai'i and its chief executive officer since 1992, will provide information to help consumers be more aware of deceptive business practices. Attendees will also learn how to file a complaint with the bureau, what happens after a complaint is filed, and other tips on how to avoid common consumer mistakes.

Deschene received her advanced degree in educational communications at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and her undergraduate degree in social sciences at Harvard University with honors. She is active in community affairs, and currently serves on the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i public health committee and in advisory roles for the American Automobile Association and the Kapi'olani Community College Legal Education Department.

The "Lunch 'n' Learn the Law" program is a series of free informational seminars for the general public featuring topics relating to specific areas of the law and the courts. Volunteer presenters include judges, attorneys, court officials, and other subject-matter experts.

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